

AUNT RACHAEL.

What means this throng of country folk About Aunt Rachael's dwelling? Did hospitality invoke? Is this of pleasure telling? Ah, no: a knot of sable dye On front doorknob suspended, And somber, harse agaiting by Denote a journey ended. With whispered greetings, neighbors all Attend Aunt Rachael's funeral. Within the parlor's curtained gloom The saintly one lies sleeping, While, ranged about the quiet room, Sit woman-mourners, weeping. Serene on silken pillow there, Her pallid face reposes. Her head enwreathed with snowy hair, And crowned with pure white roses. Queen always by a lowly fate: Queen still, Aunt Rachael lies in state She reigned by love: her royalty, God's charter to the humble, To her was steadfast loyalty, Though other thrones might crumble. Her home was comfort and content; She walked about rejoicing: Sweet sunshine followed where she went Her heart the song birds voicing. Life's duties done, with death's release, How well she wears her crown of peace!

At length the pastor, old and wise, With hands upraised toward heaven, In trembling speech, with tearful eyes, Commends her soul there given: Then, when a quavering hymn is sung, He tells her simple story, From when life's gate was gently swung On to the gate of glory— The babe, the child, the dear girl friend, The woman strong, old age, the end. H. A. T. Tyrone, Pa., April 20, 1903.

THE OLD GRAND ARMY BOYS.

You may talk about the Masons And the Odd Fellows and such; You may call them so fraternal As to fairly beat the Dutch: You may praise them if you choose to, With their mystic rites and noise, But they cannot hold a candle To the Old Grand Army Boys. For a man that has the money Can learn all about their craft: He can get degrees and pass-words That would make a funeral laugh, And be loaded down with symbols— But for true fraternal joys, They cannot hold a candle To the Old Grand Army Boys. They may talk about their lodges, But the one that has the call Is the Star and Flag and Eagle, Which is far above them all. It was won where cannon thundered, 'Mid the battle's smoke and noise: So there's nothing holds a candle To the Old Grand Army Boys. Why, they fought and bled together, And they shared the prison pen: They faced the foe in battle With the elbow twitch of men. Then the compact was cemented 'Mid the battle's crash and noise: So there's nothing holds a candle To the Old Grand Army Boys. They fraternal? Well, I reckon: And their charity's all right. Are they loyal? They have proved it, For they left their homes to fight— And this Nation owes them homage For the peace it now enjoys: So there's nothing holds a candle To the Old Grand Army Boys.

THE SAUNTERER.

There was a merry twinkle in her eye when she told it. "You know," she said with a shrug of her shoulders, "mamma has always been preaching sentimentalism to me until I grew so weary of it. Well, you know, I didn't mind it so much then, but now that Charley comes to see me, her remarks begin to strike home. And when ma came into the parlor one night and caught Charley holding my hand, she went on terribly about it. "I told ma that I supposed she had never held hands when she was young and she snapped back: 'Well, I guess I didn't. The young people then didn't act like they do now.' "But then, it is so different now.— And say, it was such a good joke on ma, too. In an old bureau the other day I found one of ma's old love letters, and perhaps it wasn't sweet. Oh, it was the sweetest and dearest little love letter I ever read. It was only nine pages, and began with 'My own dear darling little sweetheart,' and ended with 'Your own dear, true, sincere, affectionate friend, Will.' I don't know who Will is, for pa's name isn't Will. "Well, I thought it would be a great joke to substitute my name for ma's every place he had mentioned it through-out the letter, and read it to ma as one of mine coming from Charley, just to see what she would say. "And do you know, it worked beautifully. As soon as I had read the first two or three lines, ma's face turned white, then her eyes kindled and she went into a rage. 'Oh, my, but ma was angry. But she listened until I had it all read, and then she gave me one of the most severe lectures I ever received. "To think," she said, "that I have raised you to receive such silly, non-sensical baby trash as that." "Why, ma, wouldn't you like to get a letter like that?" I said. Ma almost screamed with anger. "A letter like that," she replied. "Well, I guess not. And if I did I would soon tell him what I thought of him. Why, it

is ridiculous.' "Then I thought I would spring it on ma and see her fall from her high pedestal. She dropped with a crash. "In my sweetest tones I said, 'why, ma, did you never receive such letters?' And when she answered 'no,' I handed her the letter and asked her if she had seen that before. "Poor ma. She became so embarrassed and nervous and blushed like a school girl. Then ma said she had a headache and went to her room. But say, now ma doesn't say anything about spooning. And she even permits Charley to call three times a week."

Back Run.

Farmers are busy getting ready to plant corn. Miss Anna Thomas went to Riddlesburg recently. Miss Phoebe Paylor and sister Nora visited Mrs. William Reed's last Wednesday. John Motter has returned to Riddlesburg. Mr. Geo. Paylor, wife and son were at Wm. Paylor's last Sunday evening. Mrs. James Wright is still very ill.

The school directors were recently looking for a place to build a new school house instead of the present one at Back Run. The present one was built in 1868, and the first school in it was taught by B. W. Peck.

Licking Creek.

Our people are very busy plowing and making garden. Mrs. Harriet Deshong and Mrs. David Cline were visiting the former's brother, Joseph H. Lohr at Hustontown. David Kline has sold his mules. Logue Deshong is suffering from a very sore hand. Mrs. Martha Deshong has returned home to her daughter, Mrs. George R. Hoop after visiting relatives in Belfast. Mrs. David Fohner was visiting relatives in Licking Creek and Belfast townships. Mrs. Barbara Hess of Everett is visiting the family of Daniel Deshong. Ellis Trogler and wife visited Mrs. Trogler's mother last week. Lettie and Viola Deshong were at McConnellsburg Monday. J. A. Aller was distributing Bliss Native Herbs through this neighborhood last week.

Clear Ridge.

Miss Mary Carmack is home again after spending a short time with the family of Benjamin Deavor. Miss Ada and David Fleming have returned home after spending two weeks with friends at Shade Gap. Walter Brown and Clarence Henry were at Waterloo last week buying cattle. Miss Louie G., and Master Otis Kerlin, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Bert Henry at Knobs ville. Harvey Stevens and Frank Mort accompanied by Misses Sadie Wilson and Mae Mort, spent Saturday and Sunday with Chas. Wilson in Franklin county. Miss Elsie C. Baker spent a day recently with friends at Fort Littleton. The funeral of John G. Stinson took place here on Saturday. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in this bereavement. Mrs. Sue Mowers spent a few days with her brother, Joseph Alexander in Franklin county the past week.

Home Coming.

The Bedford Hawkeye relates that two years ago Hon. John M. Reynolds took a business and pleasure trip to California. On the day of his return to Bedford he received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother at her home in Lancaster. Mr. Reynolds prepared at once to go to her bedside, but on his way to the train a messenger handed him a telegram stating that the good woman was dead. Some time ago Mr. Reynolds again journeyed to California.— Last Sunday he returned and the following morning a messenger came telling him that his brother Mr. Emmet Reynolds, of Lancaster, was so ill as to require his presence. He arranged to take the first train out, and on his way to the depot another message was placed into his hand. It informed him of the death of his brother. Twice within the space of two years, Mr. Reynolds came from the land of sunshine and flowers to stand in the gloom of death by the bier of a dear departed friend

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—Estate of Samuel R. Rotz, late of Tod township, Fulton county, Pa. deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to JACOB ROTZ, Executor. April 2, 1903. McConnellsburg, Pa.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration have been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Steward Landers late of Taylor township, Fulton county, Pa. deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement, and those having the same will please call and settle. DANIEL LANDERS, ANDREW S. BLANT, Administrators. March 19, 1903.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration on the estate of Hyram C. Souder's late of Thompson township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, that all persons indebted to said estate will make payment, and those having claims will present them properly authenticated for payment. ELSHA SOUDERS, Administrator. April 9, 1903.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the office of the Secretary of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg an application for a warrant for 30 acres of unimproved vacant land situated in Brush Creek township, Fulton county, Pa. adjoining lands of L. A. Duvall in right of Ebenezer Braham on the west and north. W. H. Duvall in right of Wm. Sterling and Archibald Sterling on the east, and Keziah Logan's land on the south and southwest. L. A. DUVAL, Akersville, Pa.

HOME TEACHING LEGAL.

Judge Bidle has handed down at Carlisle an important decision affecting the compulsory school law of this state. Brady McCullough, a farmer of West Pennsboro, refused to send his 12-year-old daughter to a public school. He was tried before a justice and fined. His defense was that after he removed his daughter from school she was instructed by a private teacher in his family, but the private teacher had no certificate to teach. The case was tried before a Cumberland county jury and a special verdict was rendered, subject to law points. Judge Bidle decided that a governess or private teacher, even without any certificate, is legally qualified to teach, and that if this lawful and proper instruction is given at home, a scholar need not attend the public schools. It was ordered that a verdict of not guilty be rendered.

REMINDER OF HISTORIC EVENT.

Wayne McBane, a seven year old lad of this city, has just received a check for \$33.33 from Boston, which recalls several interesting historical incidents, says the Chicago Record Herald. The check comes to him as one of the heirs of Captain George Turner, formerly of Portsmouth, N. H., who died some time about 1800. During the war between England and France at the close of the seventeenth century French cruisers captured and confiscated many American merchant vessels. When peace had been declared the American merchantmen, among whom was Captain Turner, whose vessel had been captured, laid claim against France for damages. France, through Napoleon, laid a counter claim against the United States for sweeping a number of French cruisers and privateers from the seas. Finally both countries agreed to call it even, shake hands and be friends in the future. The merchantmen then asserted that their claims for the loss of vessels should be paid by the United States Government, and for over three-fourth of a century the payment of these claims has been urged before Congress. In 1902 the claim of Captain Turner for a vessel valued at \$2080 was allowed by the Court of Claims under the French Spoliation act. After deducting charges the balance was paid to his descendants, consisting of two grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren, of whom the McBane boy here is one. He is the son of the late Captain W. A. McBane, of this city.

FARMING IN THE SOUTH.

The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company is issuing monthly circulars concerning fruit growing, vegetable gardening, stock raising, dairying, etc., in the States of Kentucky, West Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Every Farmer or Home-seeker, who will forward his name and address to the undersigned, will be mailed free. Circulars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and others as they are published from month to month. E. A. RICHTER, TRAVELING PASSENGER AGENT, PARK BUILDING, PITTSBURG, PA.

Rouss Racket Store SOME SPRING BARGAINS.

The time is here for cleaning house and getting things in readiness for the summer. We think we are in better shape this spring to save you money than we ever were. Compare a few prices: Table oil cloth 14 yd., roller window shades 8c, oil window shades with fringe 25c, scrim for curtains 4 and 5c yd., lace curtains—a nice line 30, 50, 63, and 85c pair, clothes baskets 50, 60 and 70c, knives and forks 42, 55, 60 and 85c, silver steel tea spoons 7c set, table spoons 14c set, wash boilers 65 and 80c, wooden wash tubs 69 to 85c, galvanized tubs 45, 50, and 55c, clothes pins 1c doz., Aunt Lydia's linen thread 4c a spool, machine thread 3c spool, garden rakes 15, 18 and 22c, hoes 20 to 25c, steel shovels 50c, manure forks 33 to 45c. The best broom on the market 20 and 25c, carpet tacks 3 bbls for 5c or 4 boxes for 5c.

Underwear! Underwear!

To say we have the best is putting it mild. Ladies gauze vests with tape only 5c with lace neck and shoulder 9, 10 and 13c, men's halbriggan 23 or 45c suit, better 45c each, men's dress shirts 23, 45, 48, 65 and 90c—see them, men's hats in the latest shapes 45c to \$1.20, looking glasses 12 to 40c.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

We have sold more shoes this month than in any month since we have been in business, and why is this? Simply because we are selling shoes that will give good service for less money than you can get them anywhere in the county. For instance we sell you a shoe for \$1 that you pay \$1.25, and one at \$1.20 that you pay \$1.50 and one at \$1.65 that you pay \$2.00. The time was when some of the merchants in our town could make the people believe that our goods were no good, but that time is past. If you haven't bought any shoes from us why not try us and save 20c on the dollar? Trunks \$1.90, \$2.10, \$2.35 and \$2.95, telescopes, 50, to 75c. In overalls and shirts, we handle the Shippenburg goods. Shirts, 23 to 44c; Overalls 25 to 70c; Pants 50 to \$2.00. Clothing, in children's 98 to \$1.95. Boys' piece suits, \$1.95 to \$3.25. Men's suits \$2.45 to \$7.25, also, a nice lot of samples of men's suits made to order from \$0.00 to \$12.50. Call and see them.

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